

April 18, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 24, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2001 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of March 27, 2001 Minutes.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.
5. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the MAG Annual Report on the regional freeway system will be discussed.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.
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CONSENT AGENDA

- *7. Proposed Amendments to the FY 2001-2005 TIP Transit Projects

Amendments are needed to the FY 2001-2005 TIP for advance purchase of 16 expansion and nine replacement buses for the City of Phoenix, and with the approval of the Regional Council in January 2001 of the MAG Park and Ride Study, to add park and ride projects for the FY 2001. Local funds are being used to advance projects for Phoenix and Gilbert. Design for a Park and Ride lot in Mesa is being deferred. See Attachment One.

Consultation for conformity purposes will be conducted prior to consideration of these proposed amendments by the Regional Council.

- *7. Recommend approving the amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

ITEMS TO HEARD

8. Interim Close Out of the FY 2001 MAG Federal Funded Program

A list of the projects requested for carry forward from the current fiscal year to FY 2002 was shown to the Committee at the March 27, 2001, meeting and is included as Table One. This list now includes eighteen projects. The first step is to decide whether some, or all, of the projects should be recommended for carry forward.

The second step is to select which projects should be accelerated to utilize the funds available in the current year. Existing action by the Regional Council has reinstated several regional studies. As a result, \$11.3 million is available for further priorities. The first priority is to advance those projects from FY 2002 for which agencies have requested acceleration, and these are listed in Table Two.

The next priority is to accelerate similar projects from later years of the TIP. These are listed in Table Three. The final priority is to add new projects being submitted. These requests are shown in Table Four. The most important criteria for all of these requests is that the projects must be able to be obligated by the end of the current federal fiscal year. This year, the effective final obligation date is September 14, 2001.

The final step is to identify some contingency projects that could utilize any uncommitted obligation authority (OA) that might become available (possibly due to projects not being able to be obligated, or late in the fiscal year special distributions that occasionally occur) and to utilize any redistributed OA that might

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend: (1) Carrying forward a list of projects from FY 2001 to FY 2002; (2) Advancing or adding new projects to FY 2001 to utilize the funds released; (3) an adjustment and/or amendment to the FY 2001 -2005 MAG TIP, as appropriate, to adjust and/or add the respective projects in FY 2001, and; (4) an amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the respective projects.

become available.

A staff recommended list of projects for the interim FY 2001 closeout of the MAG Federally funded program is shown as Table Five, for the purposes of discussion and as a basis for possible action.

9. Update on Vision 21 Task Force Recommendations and Related Activities

Staff will provide an update on the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force Recommendations and related activities including efforts being explored by Maricopa County to establish a new Regional Transportation Authority.

9. For information and discussion.

10. MAG Regional External Travel Study

MAG has completed a regional External Travel Study. This study was conducted in partnership with Maricopa County. The study consultant interviewed 7000 persons and collected traffic counts at 17 locations on the perimeter of the MAG transportation modeling area. This data was used to quantify the amount of travel that crosses the MAG area and the amount of travel that travels from the MAG area to other parts of the state or country. This information is being used to support the MAG modeling and planning activities. Please refer to the Attachment Three.

10. For information and discussion.

11. Regional Transportation Plan Update - Forum Themes

Staff will provide an update on the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan. Five half day Expert Panel Forums were held and staff will provide a summary of the overall themes. In addition, the MAG consultant will hold a series of focus groups in various areas of the region.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Consultant Selection for MAG Bottleneck Study

The FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program included a \$300,000 consultant project to conduct a study to improve traffic flow at bottlenecks on the MAG freeway system. In this study, freeway traffic data will be collected on the existing freeway system throughout the Valley. It will then be determined where bottlenecks are, how to improve them, the cost to improve them, etc. Future attention bottlenecks will be identified, operational and other benefits of the freeway improvement projects will be calculated, and freeway improvement projects will be ranked based on the above analysis. On March 2, 2001, a Request for Proposals was advertised. Two proposals were received. A consultant evaluation group (consisting of persons from ADOT, Chandler, Glendale, Maricopa County, Phoenix, and MAG) reviewed the proposals and interviewed the two firms. Their recommendation was for Olsson Associates to be selected to conduct the study.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information, discussion and recommendation for selection of the consulting firm, Olsson, to conduct the MAG Bottleneck Travel Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

13. For information.